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Local Folks Recount Experiences At Presidential Inauguration

by James Giese

Below is one of a number of articles in this issue relating the experiences of local residents on Inauguration Day. The story begins with Mayor Judith Davis who was in one of the ticketed sections at the foot of the Capitol.

Separately Sandra Barnes tells of her easy ride to Union Station followed by a long walk to view the Inauguration from the far side of the Washington Monument.

Mary Lou Williamson tells of Kelly Ivy's encounter with the Obamas and Bidens on the train to Washington. There are also personal accounts from other Greenbelters who were either at the Mall or watched with others at locations in Greenbelt.

Mayor Judith Davis

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis was able to get two inauguration tickets through Congressman Steny Hoyer's office. She attended the January 20 Presidential Inauguration with her friend, Greenbelter Pat Warner.

They arrived at the New Carrollton Metro Station a little before 5:30 a.m., being dropped off at the smaller lot on the New Carrollton side of the station. That was a good idea, she said, because she later learned that traffic was backed up onto the Beltway ramp for the other station entrance.

There were plenty of seats on the train and they quickly got to their station, Federal Center, the closest to their designated entrance gate. The station was crowded, however, with people trying to exit – so much so that later trains did not stop there. Davis might have been on the last train to make that stop.

The two found plenty of signs to direct them to the gate for Blue tickets. Unless you were a top-level dignitary sitting on the platform or below the Capitol steps, you did not get to sit at the inauguration. The Blue ticket holders, Davis' designation, were on the southern side of the west Capitol grounds. Their area and the Purples backed up to the General Grant statue and reflecting pool.

Security

There was a line to go through security, Davis said. She said it didn't look like a big crowd, maybe a thousand. People waited patiently. Everyone was good-natured, she said. While waiting, they watched the dawn arrive.

The gates were to open at eight o'clock. It wasn't until about 8:15, however, that they did. Davis did not pass through the metal detectors until 9:30. Security checked people's coats, their bags, everything, she said. Some people brought items not allowed and had them confiscated.

Shortly thereafter, the musical prelude to the ceremonies began. Davis noted that a lot of tall people were there, standing in front of her.



PHOTO BY DON COMIS

From wherever one stood on the Mall, there was a sea of people.

Where she was, she could not see a Jumbotron television screen. If she stood on her tiptoes, she could see a little bit of the Capitol.

"Even though I couldn't see it, I could hear it," she said. "It was one of those memorable events."

"What was really amazing was to look back at the Mall and see a sea, a mass of people," Davis said. She noted that once past security, everyone was given an American

flag. "It was a mass of pink." To be among the vast throng was "absolutely amazing." The people around her were from all parts of the country. They were young, old, in wheelchairs and some of them children riding on parents' shoulders. "I was full of wonder that this event was happening," Davis said.

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Council Issues Statement On Voting System Reform

by Thomas X. White

At the beginning of the regular Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, January 26, Mayor Judith Davis read a statement that is essentially a report on council's handling of the issue of the Greenbelt at-large election process for council seats. The three-page report describes the genesis of the issue raised in February 2008 in a joint letter to council from the Prince George's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Maryland chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

In addition the report describes the deliberative process council followed in seeking public input and assessing the issues raised, a set of recommendations council has developed to address the issues raised by the NAACP and ACLU and the steps council will be taking to move forward with the recommendations.

The report to the community outlines three steps council is recommending and two findings of council regarding the NAACP/ACLU requests for changing the city's voting procedures.

Recommendations

1. Change Greenbelt Council elections to occur in even-numbered years.

2. Take concerted actions to increase voter turnout, especially relating to city precincts 8 and 13.

3. For council elections in the fall of 2009, the council term would be only for one year.

Findings

1. Changing to a district (based) representative system is not appropriate at this time. Council believes it is too drastic a step.

2. Cumulative and/or preference voting will not increase

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St. Hugh's Winter Games Entertain All Ages Here

by Larry Hilliard

On January 16 the 4th Annual Games of Grenoble (AGOG) were held without ice or Zamboni but not without a melting pot of activities and fun. Like the parish's patron, Saint Hugh of Grenoble, our huddled masses came in from the cold to create a friendly competition with the feel of northern latitudes and a European flair.

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Youth Organization began AGOG in 2006.

First, young Mark Bailey, Brother Ron Stattel and his son Josh built the hockey rink in the early afternoon and prepared for the opening ceremonies.

This mid-winter tradition started off with a rendition of "Oh Canada!" played on the flute of Haley Hilliard. That was followed by Mary Loutsch singing the Star-Spangled Banner to thunderous applause as the teams

stood along where the blue lines should be and the performers at center linoleum.

Then at 4 p.m., the K-2 competitors faced off with Natalia Rincon for the yellow team and Charles Bailey for the blue. The Mayor of Greenbelt, Judith Davis, dropped the ceremonial first puck and then the games began.

The roving mob of K-2 players gave way to 3rd and 4th graders who showed impressive stick-handling and a team game not witnessed previously. Noteworthy was Luke Parr, who came back from a rash of penalty minutes in the K-2 games to play up in the 3-4 games and make a positive difference for his team.

Meanwhile, the 5th-8th graders were getting the "Rock Band" together and Past Grand Knight (PGK) Paul Sabol was showing

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Jan. 20, a Memorable Day

by Sandra Lange

I must admit I had concerns about going downtown on Inauguration Day. Would the crowds of people be unruly? Would we be swept up in some unfortunate incident? Would we be shivering in bitter cold winds? My husband David was determined to go. He regretted that he didn't participate in the March on Washington with Martin Luther King. I too missed that event. As a University of Maryland student that sultry August day in 1963, I chose not to join the thousands of others who marched for civil rights. So we both saw the inauguration of Barack Obama as an opportunity to make amends for our past regrets.

David got tickets for us on the MARC train leaving from the Bowie station. They came in the mail a few days before the event with Obama's photo emblazoned on one side. On Tuesday morning we arrived at the train station with about a dozen other people. We boarded the 9 a.m. train and smugly sat in our guaranteed seats. We were glad to avoid the huge crowds at the Metro stations. Lucky us! We reached Union Station about a half hour later – in plenty of time to get to the Mall, we thought.

The temperature was in the mid 20s. I was bundled in about six layers of clothes, including two pairs of socks, insulated boots, thermal underwear, down mittens over leather gloves, hand warmers, earmuffs, hat and bulky coat. I also had toe warmers and carried a supply of granola bars, dried fruit and almonds. David carried two blankets and a second heavy sweater.

We walked about 30 blocks from Union Station to 19th Street to get past the security checkpoints and to the Mall. We tried to take the Metro but encountered only up escalators. An accident at the Gallery Place station also caused delays. We were cautioned not to try the Third Street tunnel, which one police officer said had a one-mile pedestrian back-up.

We made a stop at the Grand Hyatt at 10th and H Streets for Metro information. It was a great place to use a clean bathroom. With a ban on automobile traffic, the streets were filled with throngs of people. Vendors were everywhere selling mugs, T-shirts, programs, buttons, commemorative plates. There was a carnival-like atmo-

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 31

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Sunday, February 1

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, February 2

7:30 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

Tuesday, February 3

1 p.m., Public Hearing on Countywide Master Plan of Transportation, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro

Saturday, February 7

10 a.m. to noon, Public Hearing on Proposed Voting System Reforms, Community Center

Letters

AGOG – A Greenbelt Tradition

This year Annual Games of Grenoble (AGOG) has grown to be as much a Greenbelt tradition as a tradition of St. Hugh's. The bookends of Madame Mayor's drop of the first puck and the Family Feud "unofficially" prepared by Little Miss Greenbelt's (Krissy Beauchamp) family and emceed by Councilmember Konrad Herling are obvious, but the "sense of a Greenbelt place" of Grenoble Hall has grown tremendously in the past year.

A powerful theme called Project Grenoble, which was a prime objective of Past Grand Knight (PGK) Austin Conaty has lived from the first AGOG in 2006, through Knights of Columbus' leadership by the author, PGK Larry Yore and the current Grand Knight Robert Hobbie.

Project Grenoble's objective is to provide handicapped accessibility to Grenoble Hall. We now have a ramp, a decision made by Reverend Walter Tappe, paid for by St. Hugh's and the time and talent of parishioners.

The realization of this ramp has begun the work but the job is not done. Therefore, Project Grenoble lives on. Current Deputy Grand Knight Chris Emelife inherits both the traditions of Project Grenoble and AGOG in 2009.

The city and St. Hugh's parish have successfully partnered on many projects over the years. Some have involved the CYO (e.g., T-Ball), some have involved the Greenbelt business community and Goddard (e.g., Rocket Boosters), some have involved the city itself (kinGTUT to the current Greenbelt Day kids Youth Triathlon) and its volunteers (e.g., swim team and CYO co-sponsored the kinGTUT and kinGTUT2(006)).

As St. Hugh's Project Grenoble continues to provide more handicapped accessibility to Greenbelt, please remember what an important "home" it is.

The torch has been passed but Grenoble is still St. Hugh's (and Greenbelt's) home court. Please don't let the flame of Project Grenoble and its "games" (AGOG) go out.

Larry Hilliard
Past Grand Knight
St. Hugh Council #10885

TAG Programs Could Be In Jeopardy

In the title of a document dated January 22, the Prince George's County Board of Education stated, "Global Financial Crisis hits, with reverberations in County and District Revenues." The document describes a number of changes that could affect students throughout the county.

Although not yet approved, 12 schools (11 elementary and one middle) are recommended for closure. None of those schools currently affect Greenbelt or the north county. Hearings on boundary changes, closures and consolidations will be held and parents notified. It appears that these closings will go into effect for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, depending on the location of the school.

However, the TAG (talented and gifted) program attended by many Greenbelt students could be in for a significant change. Some local TAG students currently are enrolled at Greenbelt Elementary while many others are bused to TAG programs at Oakcrest and Glenarden Woods Elementary schools. These last two TAG programs are proposed to be transferred to Capitol Heights and Robert Gray Elementary schools respectively. The timing for that change is not clear.

Language immersion programs are also slated for changes. If the budget is approved, a new Chinese and two new Spanish immersion programs are planned, with adjustments in the French immersion program.

In addition, it is not clear if there could be changes to Montessori and creative arts programs. However, the document indicated that most charter schools in the county are interested in using school buildings. The Turning Point Academy charter school, in Greenbelt East, may seek changes in its location over time.

The current round of closures and changes are for elementary and middle schools. Proposed changes to high schools won't be available for discussion until fall 2009.

Mary Moien

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We extend our condolences to Lenore Algaze on the death of her mother, Rachel Algaze, on January 18, 2009. Many Greenbelters know Lenore as the young woman in the ticket booth at the Greenbelt Theatre.

Our sympathy to the family of Grace Hamilton, Hillside Road, who died Monday, January 26, 2009, after a long illness

Condolences also to Eunice Barber of Ridge Road and her family on the death of Eunice's eldest daughter, Donna Mangum, on January 15. Donna, like her husband Randy Mangum, grew up in Greenbelt with her four younger sisters. Their father Donald Barber died in 2007.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of longtime resident Bea Bronstein who was an active swimmer and knitter.

Our sympathy to Mary Ellen Lentz on the death of her husband Paul L. Lentz.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Meals on Wheels Seeks Customers

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to get answers to any questions call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

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Administration Office 8:00am – 5:00pm
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Questions can be directed to:
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301-474-4161, extension 152

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WEEK OF Jan. 30

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Friday
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Saturday
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Work is being done to solve this problem. Meanwhile, we urge everyone who wants to visit our website to manually type in www.greenbeltnewsreview.com and then bookmark the site. And it is always good advice to keep all security features up to date and run them regularly.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

New Deal Café Music Offerings This Week

Friday, January 30 from 8 to 11 p.m. is the Café’s monthly a cappella showcase with “Euphonism,” “Stu-dio Singers,” “Harmonization without Representation” and Isaac Cohen. On Saturday, January 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. Steve Pollack will perform. From 3 to 6 p.m., come sit in with “NDC Jazz Jam,” Art McKinney and Mike Montgomery; Midge will perform from 8 to 11 p.m., with a love of bossa-nova, jazz, rock, folk, alt-country, bluegrass, classical and American standards, all converging to make a truly unique sound. Sunday, February 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature lute music by Jim Stimson and from 6 to 8 p.m. “Cliff Art” will entertain with outer space renaissance faire.

On Tuesday, February 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Nathaniel Seer, who sings from the branches of a chestnut tree in Bloomington, Ind., comes to Greenbelt. From 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4 Lu Lu Wall will perform. Thursday, February 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. is an open microphone session with Joe.

Annual Meeting

Note that the café’s annual membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

For more information about all events visit the website at www.newdealcafe.com or call 301-474-5642.

Gardenway/Spellman Overpass Action Plan

The action plan to make public safety-related improvements in the vicinity of Gardenway and the Spellman Overpass was approved February 11, 2008. The third quarterly report called for in the plan outlines the steps listed below with the current status, as reported by City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

As to continued police presence, one or both School Resource Officers have been monitoring activity in the area of the overpass and paths leading to it every day, at the beginning and end of the school day. Police presence is supplemented by the bike unit, K-9 unit and regular patrol.

With regard to proper maintenance, the Public Works Department has maintained the area to keep it clear of undergrowth. No fence problems have been reported. In addition, the memorial plaque has been relocated and the base lowered.

To satisfy the education/out-reach component, the police department held a community meeting in August, co-hosted by the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Concerning emergency call boxes and security cameras, a pole has been installed for the camera on the Gardenway side and a concrete base has been put in for the call box. Power has been provided to the area. The camera and call box should be installed within 30 days.

Improved lighting has been addressed. The lights on the path have been monitored and found to be appropriately bright.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
Saturday, January 31, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Greener Greenbelt workshop – Greenbelt Baptist Church.

Monday, February 2, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group – GHI Library
7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee – GHI Lobby

Friday, February 6, Office Closed

Saturday, February 7, 2 to 4 p.m., Open House Home Energy Meeting – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, February 3, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 4, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, February 5, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Explore Composting

The Explorations Unlimited program on Friday, February 6 will feature a presentation by Luisa Robles on Composting Basics. The program will be held at the Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114.

Robles has always been a nature lover. She pursued her bachelor’s degree in biology at the University of Mexico and earned her Ph.D. in environmental sciences and sustainable development at the University of Maryland. She is currently the Recycling Coordinator and Environmental Advisor for the City of Greenbelt. Robles is also on the GHI board, the Woodlands committee and until recently on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

Robles is enthusiastic about contributing to help make society environmentally sustainable. She can be found walking around the lake, in the woods or hanging out at the New Deal Café. She likes to work on her yard and has her own compost pile and says if she had more sunshine, she could grow vegetables.

In Composting Basics, Robles will explain what home composting is, what to compost and how to take care of compost. Other topics include determining when compost is ready and why composting is good for the environment and home garden.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For information call 301-397-2208.

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Lovers Yonah (Celia Blitzer), a slave, and Noah’s son Japheth (Eric Jones) face difficult choices in “Children of Eden,” now playing at Greenbelt Arts Center.

A Review

“Children of Eden” at GAC Is Fun, Upbeat Musical

by Carol Griffith

“Children of Eden,” now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center, is a sure cure for the winter doldrums for adults and children alike. It’s two hours of high-energy singing and dancing with a message that’s touching at times and humorous at others.

An ensemble of about 26 tells two stories from the Book of Genesis that have become part of our cultural repertoire – the stories of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and of Noah and the Great Flood. Each story makes up one act of this musical.

Some interesting plot changes, however, that make this version different from any heard in Sunday school, but the changes enhance the non-religious message. The themes of importance of family bonds versus independence and living with one’s choices tie together the two stories.

The musical was written by Stephen Schwartz, the creator of “Godspell” and “Wicked,” two popular and enduring musicals. It premiered in London in 1991.

The director, Darnell Morris, and producer, Patrick Pelz, are both new to GAC and have brought in a great cast and crew that have staged a very professional production. Music is provided by live piano and a recording of other instruments.

Experienced hands Sandy Irving as light operator, Trix Whitehall operating the sound

system and GAC’s multi-talented John Decker, who created the special effects, have contributed greatly to the show. The “rain” in Act 2 adds greatly to the story of the Great Flood and is a marvel to behold.

Laurie Newton has done wonders in choreographing the ensemble’s dancing, especially given the size of the stage. The action flows easily from one scene to another. The costumes of the “animals” riding on Noah’s ark are fanciful and well-done. They seemed especially to enthrall the young children in the audience.

Many of the young actors and actresses have had excellent theatrical experience and all are talented. All but one are new to the GAC stage and Greenbelt is certainly honored to have such a fine group on our stage. The singing and dancing are flawless.

Set aside your winter blahs and let this wonderful musical entertain you!

“Children of Eden” will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of January 30 and 31 and February 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee is scheduled for February 1 at 2 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at GAC at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.

New Deal Café

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

Monday February 9, 2009 7:00 pm at the café

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Week of Jan. 30

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(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays except Underworld, Paul Blart Mall Cop and Not Easily Broken)

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Obituaries

Rachel A. Algaze

Longtime Greenbelt resident Rachel Azar Algaze died of a stroke on January 18, 2009.



Mrs. Algaze was born in New York City, the middle daughter of Sephardic (Spanish) Jewish parents. She came to Washington, D.C., in 1941 to work for the U.S. Treasury Department.

In 1942 she married Jack Algaze. They moved to Greenbelt in 1944 when she was expecting her first child.

She went back to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville as a secretary where she also translated correspondence written in French and Spanish. She retired in 1989 at age 70.

In retirement Mrs. Algaze taught Spanish for the OASIS senior group and visited homebound seniors. She was active in the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 where she served as chaplain and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) where she served as secretary.

She was a Gold Star mother. Her son Isaac Victor died on active duty in the U.S. Navy in 1970.

Her younger sister, Esther Sedacca, died in 2007.

Survivors include her daughter Lenore R. Algaze; sister Mathilde A. Greenfield of New York City; niece Claudia Rousseau; and nephews Maurice Sedacca and Walter Greenfield, Jr.

Funeral services were held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Interment was at Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Algaze's name to Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md.

Paul Lewis Lentz

Mycologist Paul Lewis Lentz, Ph.D., age 90, of Greenbelt died on January 14, 2009. He had been in declining health for several months.

Born in 1918 in Indianapolis, Ind., he graduated from Shortridge High School in 1936 and attended Butler University, where in 1940 he graduated magna cum laude and was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He continued his studies in botany at the University of Iowa, earning a masters in science degree and later a doctorate in mycology. In January 1942 he joined the United States Navy, serving in Panama and at the Bacteriology Laboratory at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. He was released from active service in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant.

In 1943 he married Mary Ellen Cone of Topeka, Kan., whom he

had met at the University of Iowa. Paul and Mary Ellen moved to the Washington area in 1947, when Paul began work for the Department of Agriculture as a mycologist at Beltsville Agriculture Research Center. They settled in Greenbelt in 1950 and in 1959 were among the original homeowners in Lakewood.

Dr. Lentz was recognized as one of the outstanding authorities in the field of mycology (the study of fungi) and in particular its taxonomy. He became chief of the USDA Mycology Laboratory in 1971, directing the National Fungus Collections, Poison Fungi Center and research projects on fungal biology, taxonomy and pathogens. During his career, he authored 47 publications on mycology, assisted in many others and made major presentations at the International Botanical Con-

gress in 1959 and the Hesler International Symposium in 1968. His teaching career included instruction in mycology at the George Washington University and at the USDA Graduate School at the National Institutes of Health. Other highlights of his career included appointment in 1966 as honorary curator and later collaborator for the Smithsonian Institution's Department of Botany and a 1971 appointment to the Biological Sciences Advisory Panel of the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Lentz was active in the community as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts and held several leadership positions in the Greenbelt Community Church. He was also on call in the community and at local hospitals as an expert to determine whether wild mushrooms that had been consumed were poisonous.




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Worship Service

9:15 am


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Worship Service



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8:00 am

Simple, quiet Mass

9:00 am

Christian education for all ages

10:00 am

Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted

1:30 pm

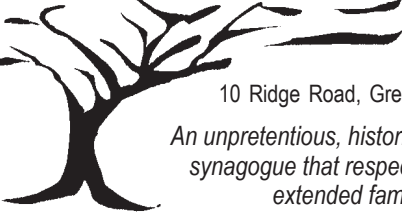
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Tu B'shvat Seder, Shabbat Services

On Friday evening February 6 a Tu B'Shvat Seder and Family Shabbat services will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. The program will start with a vegetarian potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by services at 7:30 p.m.

The Tu B'shvat holiday celebrates the New Year of the Trees in Israel. Participants will enjoy fruits of the trees native to the land of Israel and discuss their symbolic meaning. The Karp Family Hebrew School students will also make presentations.

Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided. For more information call 301-474-4223.

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



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Sunday 11:00 am

Worship Service

Wednesday 7:00 pm

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Municipal Building

Obituaries

Beatrice Bronstein

Beatrice Ruth (Warshaw) Bronstein, 92, of 9 Court Southway died peacefully on Friday, January 9, 2009, at Holy Cross Hospital. She was a Greenbelt pioneer.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Bronstein and her husband Lars moved to Greenbelt in 1938. In 1956 they made their home in 9 Court Southway where they brought up their children Gary, David and Deena. Mrs. Bronstein was a bookkeeper and a homemaker.

At age 75, she and Lars took up Tai Chi for awhile and through her late 80s, she swam every morning.

She made several stained glass-style quilts and quilted pillows and wall hangings as a hobby but, upon reaching 90, she decided she wanted to learn something new, so she took up knitting. Every piece she made was a gift to someone – mostly for the Knitting for Charity group, where her baby blankets for preemies, lap blankets for veterans and her hats and scarves for homeless children were gratefully received. Everything she did had a purpose – even her hobbies were gifts to someone she cared about or served someone in need.

Mrs. Bronstein was known for her intelligent humor, kindness and generosity, particularly her willingness to give her time to friends and family, to visit and lend a kind ear.

She was preceded in death by her son Gary in 1984, her husband Lars in 2001 and her brothers Harry and Izzy. She was the last surviving family member of her generation.

Surviving are two children David Bronstein of Bel Air, Md., and Deena Bronstein of Olney, Md., as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bronstein was remembered by family and friends at a private graveside service on Sunday, January 11 where all remarked on her generosity, independent nature and kind spirit. She was loved by all who knew her and they were blessed by her life and her optimism. The world is a lesser place without her. We will all miss her.

— JudyLynn D. Lawson

City Notes

Planning staff prepared a history of discussions with Beltway Plaza staff regarding redevelopment concepts, reviewed changes being done at Empirian Village Apartments and submitted the final reimbursement request for the theater project.

Planning staff also met with the city treasurer to review the budget; discussed the issue of invasive trees in the North Preserve with Lesley Riddle and arranged for a field trip with the members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

Several Public Works staff attended a class on integrated pest management in Ellicott City.

Refuse and Recycling collected 16.49 tons of refuse and 11.07 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Parks and Playgrounds installed an Adopt-A-Bench at the park between 11 and 13 Courts of Ridge Road.

Genealogical Society Meets Feb. 4

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet for a Research Night at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4 in the society library at 12219 Tulip Grove Drive in Bowie. PGCGS volunteer librarians will give a short presentation on resources in the library and will

be available to steer members and visitors toward the materials they need. Experts will also be offering assistance with hitting “brick walls” in research, dating old photographs and other research questions. For details go to www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs or call 301-262-2063.

Scholarship Funds for Local Students

Anne Healey, State Delegate from District 22A, Prince George’s County, will award Maryland House of Delegate scholarships to students from her district. Interested students should call the delegate’s office in Annapolis at 301-858-3961 to obtain information and applica-

tions. The application package will be mailed to the student’s home address. The completed application must be postmarked no later than April 15. Scholarship awards will be announced in June for the 2009-2010 academic year.



City Information

The City Council has issued a **Statement on Voting System Reforms** in Greenbelt. This statement is available at the Greenbelt City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 and at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

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The City Council has also scheduled

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED VOTING SYSTEM REFORMS

Saturday, February 7 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, at 10:00a.m.

Wednesday, February 11 at the Greenbriar Terrace Room 7600 Hanover Parkway, at 7:30p.m. and

Wednesday, February 25 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, at 7:30p.m.

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2-7

Monday, February 2 at 7:30pm, **RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Community Center, Room 114

Saturday, February 7 at 10:00am, **PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT ON VOTING REFORM**, at the Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

The Prince George’s County Council and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Joint Public Hearing on the Preliminary Countywide Master Plan of Transportation has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 3, 2009

1:00 pm

County Administration Building
Council Hearing Room
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Registration for Spring & Summer Camps

Spring Camp, Circus Spring Camp Express, Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Camp Encore, and Camp Dance are among the day camp choices the Greenbelt Recreation Department plans to offer this upcoming Spring and Summer.

These camps provide a wide range of aquatic, athletic, and artistic choices for kids ages 3 to 15. Camp registration will begin on January 12 for Greenbelt Residents and January 26 for Non-Residents. The Camp Brochure can be downloaded at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/camps_2009.pdf

Call the Recreation Business Office at 301-397-2200 for more information.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, January 31st

9:00am-12noon

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4’ and under (residential only).

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Special arrangements must be made for drop-off of more than 10 items or items over 50lbs. Call in advance.

For more information call 301-474-8308

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Princess: A pretty young black and white domestic female cat. Spayed. Looking for someone to spoil her.

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter gladly accepts donations of pet supplies. Currently there is a great need for self clumping cat litter.

Greenbelt Department of Recreation

Recession-Proof Your Artwork: Presentation Mini-Series at the Greenbelt Community Center with David Ashman-Photographer



Mat Cutting and Art Mounting: Sunday, February 8 from 12:30pm-5:30pm. Bring in one piece of art up to 11” x 14”. Course # 153240-1.

Framing Workshop: Saturday, February 21 from 1-5pm. Learn cost-effective custom framing skills. Course # 153220-1.

For more information or to register call 301-397-2208 or register at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/reclink.htm

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, February 3 & 5: 6pm “Ask the Expert” 6:45pm “Mental Health 7:00pm: “Miss Greenbelt Pageant 2008”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, February 4 & 6 : 7pm “You Never Know” 9pm: “Festival of Song featuring Heather and Rob”

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“It was the feeling of being there,” she said. She likened it to being at an exciting football game. You could watch it on TV but it is not the same as being at the stadium and being a part of the cheering crowd. “A very wonderful experience,” she said.

After the ceremony the two headed to L’Enfant Plaza station where, after a while, they caught the Green Line back to Greenbelt.

Bill Edwards

Greenbelter Bill Edwards is a member of the Navy Sea Chanters. He was on the platform above the stage where the oath was administered on the west Capitol steps. The Sea Chanters ended the program with the National Anthem. His view of the ceremony was limited to those standing at the podium. He was concentrating so much on the group’s performance that he really didn’t take in the magnitude of the event until he watched coverage on television after returning home.

The Sea Chanters spent the night at the Navy Yard to assure their appearance the next day. They were up at 3 a.m. and after breakfast got on a bus and headed to an assembly area in Anacostia, where they waited. They became part of a caravan escorted by police to the Capitol, arriving about 7. By then people were already swarming on foot down the streets to get to the mall, he said.

They were able to wait inside the Capitol for the program to begin. There, Edwards got a glimpse of former vice-president Al Gore and other dignitaries, most of whom he did not recognize.

Really Cold

The Sea Chanters had to sit through the ceremony outside. It was really cold, Edwards said. The group sat in the shadow of the Capitol and lacked the warmth others got from the sunshine.

The Sea Chanters are a presidential support unit along with the Marine Band. Edwards expects there will be other opportunities for him to see the President. However, the next big thing for the Sea Chanters is a tour of southwestern states.

Edwards has been a member of the Sea Chanters since December 2006. One of his first jobs was to sing a solo at the White House. He sang How Sweet It Is to Be Loved by You after a state dinner following the President’s State of the Union address in January 2007.

“It’s been a great experience,” he said.

Jeff and Laura Knutson

Jeff and Laura Knutson of Berwyn Heights are active members of Greenbelt Community Church. Both are members of military bands. Jeff plays trombone in the Navy Band. Laura plays viola in the Army Band.

Since string players don’t march, Laura was not involved in Inauguration Day events. Jeff, however, marched with the Navy Band in the parade. It was his fourth inaugural parade.

This was the most intense parade he has done, he said. Like Edwards, the Navy Band members slept the night before at the Navy Yard. They were furnished cots to sleep on. The band left later than the Sea Chanters, about 7:30 a.m., being a part of the afternoon parade. Their police-escorted bus took them to the Pentagon. It was an interesting bus ride, he said, with all the Virginia bridges closed and virtually

no automobile traffic. However, people were swarming into town on foot.

At the Pentagon band members went through security. It was not until about 1:30 p.m. that they left for the parade assembly area designated for the band on the Ellipse. Again they had a police escort into the city. Security people made special announcements to keep all the buses in the caravan close together. They were concerned that crowd members trying to cross the street would get between the buses. People were everywhere, he said – in trees, even on top of temporary toilets. Knutson was impressed by how everybody was so excited and in such a good mood.

At the Ellipse was a warming tent. However, because it had to be shared by the various parade groups, each had only a short time in it. The Navy Band left the tent about 2:15 but didn’t start marching up Constitution Avenue to the starting point of the parade near the Capitol until about 3 p.m. The starting time of the parade had been delayed.

Parade

The Navy Band was in the third division of the parade, Knutson said. It was really cold and getting dark by the time they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue. “It was really desolate along the parade route,” he said. Everyone had left after the Presidential motorcade had passed. “I was really disappointed.”

Knutson found it pretty hard to play, as did other horn players. “Our slides were freezing up,” he said. Trumpeters had problems with their valves freezing up. Also when cold, the horns tend to go flat.

Still waiting at the review stand were the Obamas, some of the very few who watched the parade march by.

After the parade the band split into two groups. One unit went to play at the Western States Ball. His unit played at the Neighborhood Ball. “There were a lot of stars there,” he said. The Navy Band played Ruffles and Flourishes and Hail to the Chief when the Obamas arrived. However, the Presidential couple preferred to dance to the music of another band and to Beyoncé singing.

Laura Knutson

Although members of her Army Band had combined with members of other service bands for the concert at the Lincoln Memorial the Sunday before, Knutson did not. Nor did she have duties on Inauguration Day. She watched the ceremony on television at a neighbor’s house.

The following day, however, she was part of an Army Band string quartet that played during three different receptions at the Vice President’s home. The first reception was for various school groups. The second was for families of those connected to the Vice President. In the evening a reception was held for all different kinds of people.

Knutson got to meet and have her picture taken with and talk to Vice President Joe Biden, his wife Jill and their son.

Knutson noted also that there had been problems in getting everything in the house working for the event. There were problems with the heating system and then with the computers. However, the receptions all turned out to be very nice, she said.

Riding on the Presidential Train to Washington

“Kelly, are you on that train?” his sister Mary Caserta who lives in Florida asked. On his cell phone, Greenbelter Kelly Ivy, who had been talking with Jack Hurd, owner of the old railroad car on which President-elect Barack Obama made the Philadelphia to Washington trip, replied that he was. Ivy had been relating to Hurd the problems he and his Amtrak crew of four had thawing out the car the night before, after finding it frozen. The crew had been up half the night making sure the car would roll in the morning.

When President Franklin Roosevelt used the car in the thirties it ran on a steam train that kept it warm, Ivy explained. Now Hurd keeps it in Jacksonville, Fl. where he lives. The car has no heating system of its own.

“Mary, what’s the temperature there in Florida?” Ivy asked. When she told him it was 67 degrees, Ivy, laughing, turned to Hurd: “You gotta get this thing back to Florida.”

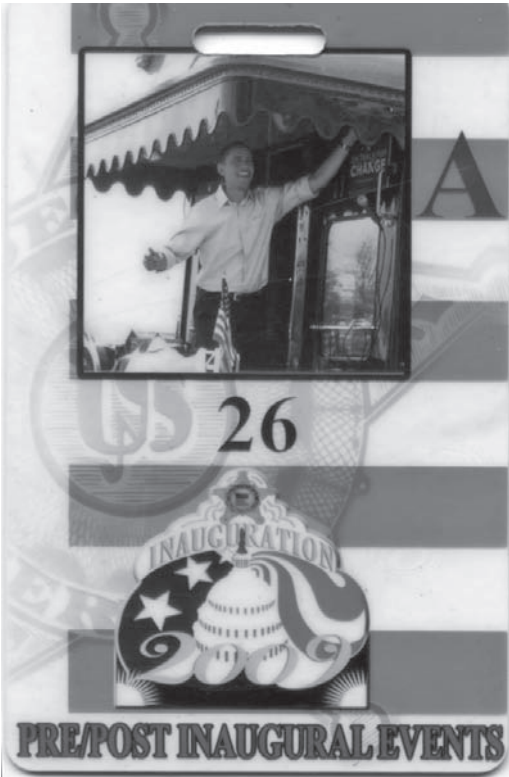
“Who are you talking to?” Hurd inquired.

“My sister, Mary Caserta.”

“Mary and Jim?” Hurd exclaimed. “I know them, we’ve

known each other for years.”

When the train stopped in Wilmington, Del. for Vice-president-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill to join the ride, Biden was introduced by longtime Am-



This card secured access for Kelly Ivy to the President-elect’s railroad car. Ivy’s card now will go to the Smithsonian to be included in their planned exhibit on the varied inaugural events.

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sphere with everyone hurrying to get to the main event. Policemen with Chicago armbands politely tried to answer questions about where to go.

Two hours later the Mall was in sight. We stood at the border of the reflecting pool between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial with a sideways view of a Jumbotron to watch the inauguration ceremony. The sun glared onto the screen and everyone looked faded. But we felt successful, proud that we had arrived at our destination and could witness the dramatic event. A half hour later we were retracing our steps back. We had lunch reservations at a restaurant at 7th and D Streets. David hailed an empty pedi-cab. We climbed into the rear seat and the cyclist, who was from Boston, skillfully maneuvered his way through the crowds.

Warm food and heat were welcome as we thawed out in the restaurant. After lunch we donned our several layers of clothes and threaded our way back to Union Station. Vendors were hawking their souvenirs at discounted prices. I bought two T-shirts with the iconic Obama photo and the slogan “I Witnessed the Day America Changed.” The streets were littered with cast-off hand warmer wrappers, lost hats and gloves, discarded pillows and other debris. I saw a lot of women wearing fur coats, which seemed unusual even on this chilly January day. Maybe, since no one in PETA-conscious Greenbelt has a fur coat, it seemed remarkable to me.

Union Station was now a zoo with people anxious to get onto different trains. The main entrance was closed off. Only one



Sandra Lange returning on the MARC train from the inauguration.

entrance was open and people were shoving their way through. The escalators were closed. Security was tight.

Finally an escalator opened and we were forced to go down to the Metro station, through the length of the station to the other side to enable us to use the up escalator to get to the commuter train area. Fortunately, there were people to answer questions as to where to go because signs were obscured by the crush of people and there were many different lines for the various trains. Metro opened the turnstiles. The MARC train was now first-come, first-served. No tickets needed. It was imperative to move people out quickly, and we were glad to go.

In some respects the day was uneventful. Yet it was keenly memorable. It was a symbolic journey – making up for the day we missed 46 years ago. It was an opportunity to be part of history along with 1.8 million other people.

trak conductor and friend, now retired, Greg Weaver. Biden is well known to all the Amtrak personnel on the trains between Washington and Delaware as he has traveled home every night since he first became a senator, returning to D.C. the next morning.

Each time Joe spotted Amtrak personnel, Ivy said, he was off to greet them, breaking through the perimeter set by the Secret Service, driving them nuts.

“I’ve known Joe for 25 years,” Ivy said. “He’s never lied to me. Didn’t always tell me what I wanted to hear but never lied. You can’t say that about too many politicians.”

He had several conversations with Obama during the four-hour train ride. Impressed, Ivy said, “He’s a straight talker. Reminds me of Jimmy Carter. Very honest.”

The TV cameras don’t do justice to Michelle, he continued. “When you see her in person, she is a beautiful woman. She’s friendly and funny, not to mention very smart.”

When the train reached Baltimore, Obama and Biden and their wives got off the train. Obama was scheduled to give a speech. The Obama girls, Sasha and Malia, stayed on the train, Ivy said. It was their mother’s birthday and they wanted to decorate the inside of the car as a surprise. Ivy and his crew helped the girls hang streamers. Michelle was surprised and delighted.

Mary Lou Williamson

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(voter) turnout.

Council concluded that it is in the position to collect the facts, analyze them and make the decision whether there should be any change.

Before making any decisions based on its findings and the set of recommendations contained in the statement, council has scheduled another series of public hearings to discuss the recommendations, hear the opinions of Greenbelt citizens and answer any questions citizens may have on the recommendations.

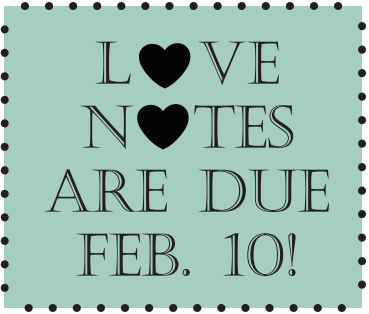
Three hearings are scheduled during February:

Saturday, February 7 at the Community Center, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 11 at the Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

Any change made to the voting process will be in the form of a charter amendment vote done by council. Any charter change is subject to reversal by referendum.



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Advil Pain Reliever Caps/Tabs/Gels 50 ct.	\$ 4⁹⁹	Fresh Catch Salmon Fillets	\$ 6⁹⁹ lb.	Deli Gourmet Mini Colby Longhorn Cheese	\$ 4⁹⁹ lb.
St. Ives Body Lotion 18 oz.	\$ 3⁹⁹	New Zealand Orange Roughy Fillets	\$ 7⁹⁹ lb.	Banquet Meat Pot Pies Assorted 7 oz.	75¢
				Simply Asia Noodle Bowls Assorted 8.5 oz.	\$ 2⁵⁰
				Billy Bee Organic Squeeze Honey 13 oz.	\$ 4⁹⁹
				Bakery	
				Fresh Store Baked Petite Kaiser Rolls 12 pk.	\$ 1⁹⁹
				Goosey Good Sticky Buns 6 pk.	\$ 2⁹⁹

Francesco Rinaldi Spaghetti Sauce Asst. 23-24 oz.	\$ 1⁰⁰	Shurfine Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni 16 oz.	\$ 1⁰⁰	Grocery Bargains	
Shurfine Canned Vegetables Select Varieties 11-15 oz.	60¢	Ken’s Marinades & Salad Dressings Assorted 7-16 oz.	\$ 2⁰⁰	Progresso Traditional Soups Selected Varieties 18-19 oz.	3/\$ 4⁰⁰
				Smuckers Grape Jelly 32 oz.	\$ 1⁵⁰
				Peter Pan Peanut Butter 18 oz.	\$ 1⁵⁰
				Fab 2x Liquid Laundry Detergent Assorted 50 oz.	\$ 3⁵⁰
				Domino Granulated Sugar 5 lb.	\$ 2⁶⁹
				Nabisco Ritz Crackers Assorted 14-16 oz.	\$ 2⁵⁰

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http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

January 20, 4:23 p.m., 7595 Ora Glen Drive, a man entered the Bank of America, approached a teller and produced a note announcing a robbery. The teller did not give money to him and he fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 22 years of age, 5'6" to 5'9", 150 to 170 pounds, wearing a blue and gray wool cap, a dark jacket and red gloves.

January 21, 10:05 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a person was robbed by two men as he was walking down the sidewalk. One of the men was armed with a shotgun, the other a handgun. After the robbery the victim was struck several times with the back of the shotgun. He was transported to a hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 20 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10", 180 to 195 pounds, each wearing a black jacket, black pants and ski masks.

Drug Arrests

January 15, 2:45 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana. The youth was released pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

January 19, 11:20 p.m., Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, a resident man was arrested, charged with possession of paraphernalia and driving without a license and was released on citations pending trial.

January 19, 5:34 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of mari-

juana, possession of paraphernalia, false statement, assuming a false identity and trespass. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. Another nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and was released on citation pending trial.

False Statement

January 16, 4:28 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for false statement and was transported to Boy's Village in Cheltenham, Md., for service of a warrant for first-degree assault.

Burglaries

January 16, 10:52 a.m., Greenbelt Baptist Church, a burglary was reported.

January 19, 1:34 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a burglary was reported. On January 22 a warrant was obtained charging a nonresident man with first-degree burglary, second-degree burglary, third-degree burglary and malicious destruction.

January 22, 11:45 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, jewelry was reported taken. Two Latino males were seen leaving the residence. Both were 17 to 25 years of age, one was wearing gray sweatpants and a black skullcap and the other was wearing blue jeans.

Vehicle Crimes

A white 2004 Jeep Laredo, Maryland tags 462M204 was reported stolen from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway. An attempt to steal a vehicle was reported in the 5900 block Cherrywood Court.

Greenbelt police recovered three vehicles with no arrests made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Edmonston Road (CDs), 6700 block Springshire Way (carpentry tools), 6100 block Springhill Terrace (front tag), Beltway Plaza (GPS unit) and 6500 block Lake Park Drive (purse and cell phone).

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Mac, a 6-month-old German Shepherd, was adopted by Greenbelt police Capt. Thomas Kemp in October 2008. He and four siblings were rescued by Susie Hall from a closed police canine breeding facility in West Virginia. Mac, the only German Shepherd in the program, has also been featured in commercials advertising the Puppy Bowl.

Previously, Kemp and his family had adopted a spaniel puppy Echo from the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

Programmed along the lines of the Super Bowl the half-time



Mac, a 6-month-old German Shepherd, is featured in Puppy Bowl V on Sunday, February 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. Above, Mac relaxes at home at Christmas.

show features kittens. The puppies and kittens all come from local Petfinder shelters and most are looking for good homes.

For more information on the program and the puppies that will be featured visit <http://animal.discovery.com>.

ST. HUGH’S continued from page 1

the young’uns that they were taking a RISK in playing him in that popular board game.

Meanwhile, at St. Hugh’s gym, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball teams from St. Matthias, Holy Redeemer and St. Hugh’s were all vying for opening night honors in the games of hoop. PGK Sean Bailey, the commish, presided over the K-2 competitions leading the crowd in cheering for all the children.

An alumni team was formed and competed in the latest time slot. They quickly showed they would not skate and bow to the younger (and older) competition. They wore the flags of their adopted countries for the evening.

The St. Hugh’s Youth Group ably staffed the kitchen under the guidance of Becky Bailey, who left the kitchen and took to the rink like Joan of Arc leading her multi-generation team to victory in the evening’s final hockey game. David Pitts and Brother Damien Brennan helped PGK Hilliard referee the games throughout the evening.

Worthy Grand Knight Robert Hobble took photos and lent support all evening and Seminarian/Brother Chip Lockett joined the Pedersoli family John, Karen and Julia for the Family Feud competition at evening’s end versus the Haley/Bailey Stattel family.

Family Feud was prepared by Edith and Kristen Beauchamp (the reigning Little Miss Greenbelt) and emceed by none other than Councilmember Konrad Herling.



A race to the bouncing puck.



Greenbelt teens go for French food after the games. Left to right: Noel Soter, Eriq Didion, Jean Nguyen and Wesley Hilliard.



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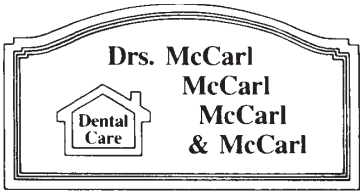


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


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Inauguration Day was probably the safest day for a lone woman to bike into the city. National Guardsmen and police were everywhere with minimal traffic because of road closures. I checked my bike by 11:30 a.m. and walked to the Washington Monument in time to hear President Obama give his speech on one of the many Jumbotron. It was thrilling to be part of the almost two million people on the National Mall that day.

Cynthia Cummings



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

One of two bike valet lots set up to receive cyclists on Inauguration Day.

At New Deal Café

There were many happy faces in the jam-packed New Deal Café on Inauguration Day, January 20. In Washington, D.C., the crowds were vast, the weather frigid but here in Greenbelt, folks in the Café were warm and comfy as they sat, watched and cheered the Inaugural events on six televisions throughout the Café. In addition to regular Greenbelt patrons, the New Deal hosted members of the national organization MoveOn. Org, many of whom were visiting Greenbelt for the first time. Chef Karim created special Inauguration dishes including "The Presidential" and "The First Lady," which were available at lunch and dinner. Throughout the day, Obama mementos given as door prizes added to the fun. The Inauguration Party continued into the evening with dancing and music provided by the Cajun band Cypress Trio & Jam.

Barbara Logan



Jonathan Obama Seagull

A few seagulls flew up at a key moment at the inauguration. I decided they were an omen, a good omen for President Obama, like doves of peace.

That idea was strengthened when Yo-Yo Ma's cello music reached into the ether and a flock of gulls seemed to undulate with the notes.

A woman near me remarked that the birds had to be in synch with the cello notes. I told her I noticed the same thing.

The seagull dance alone was worth the trip. It is an example of the private moments that can only be experienced in person.

Days later I wondered what the omen meant. I could only think that gulls are scavengers and maybe it meant President Obama had a mess to clean up.

But I prefer to think in loftier terms, as inspired by President Obama and Yo-Yo Ma. The gulls are an omen of peace, prosperity, freedom and a renewed concern for the entire planet.

Don Comis



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Crowd near the Lincoln Memorial where David and Sandra Lange watched the inauguration.

The Warmest Day

As I waited in a half-hour line in sub-freezing temperatures to get on the Metrorail on the morning of Inauguration Day, the spirits of my fellow passengers were delicately balanced between hope and despair. At one point, as we were all doing our little dances-in-place to keep warm, a jovial man walking past us to the rear of the line tried to fend off any inkling of dismay because of the frigid conditions. "It's not cold," he shouted with a smile. "It's only in your imagination that it's cold." Many folks responded by agreeing with his good-natured lie but none did it better than the woman in front of me who boomed her response: "Of course it's not cold. This is the warmest day it has been in EIGHT YEARS!" The entire line erupted in affirmative cheers! The truth of her statement kept me toasty throughout the day.

Frank DeBernardo



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Greenbelter Bill Edwards, a member of the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters, had a bird's eye view of the historic occasion.



PHOTO BY MARK CHRISTAL

New Deal Café patrons and members of the national organization MoveOn.org gathered to watch the inaugural activities. Guests were treated to special dishes, door prizes and live Cajun music.

Incredible Sense of Joy

My son Tim and I boarded the R12 bus in front of the Community Church at about 9:20 a.m. and made it to the Greenbelt Metro Station in about five minutes. There were no lines and we were able to quickly board a waiting train which left the station at 9:45. We arrived at L'Enfant Station a little after 10:30 a.m. and were at the Mall by 11. Unfortunately the Mall was completely full by then so we walked down to the WWII memorial and found a good spot and were able to enjoy the swearing-in ceremony from start to finish with a pretty good view of three giant screens and excellent sound from the PA system.

The trip back was similar. We could have been home by 2:30 p.m. except we stopped at the University of Maryland to

visit. We found ourselves in extremely crowded conditions at the L'Enfant Metro both ways but the Metro staff did an extraordinary job handling the situation, keeping everyone informed and at ease. The Mall between 7th and 14th streets was practically impassable.

There was an incredible sense of joy and excitement and it seemed that everyone paid very close attention to the entire ceremony.

On the way in, we met a man who had flown in from Buffalo that morning and planned to return that same evening. On the way out, we met a couple from Houston who had driven to New Orleans and taken a 26-hour train ride to be here for this incredible day.

All in all, it was a day well spent and will be remembered for our lifetimes.

Mike Mullaney

Cold Feet

I know some of you were there. This is Greenbelt, after all. Perched on bleachers about 25 feet above Barack Obama's head, I had one of the best views of the inauguration in the city. I couldn't actually see President Obama much of the time and settled for his left ear when reporters and Yo-Yo Ma didn't find it necessary to be right in my way. But I didn't care.

I could see America all the way down the Mall. From the young enlisted honor guard who stood at attention and parade-rest with incredible patience for hours, to the lucky ticket holders, to the immense throng of people who crowded together beyond, waving flags – there was so much to take in.

I had the honor of singing the National Anthem with my fellow US Navy Sea Chanters and, since I've only been in the choir for two years, it was my first inauguration ever. There aren't many times you get to be a part of history, so it was a genuine thrill. But if I have to sing at another inauguration, I'm going to remember to wear more than one pair of socks.

Bill Edwards

Green Ridge House Inauguration Party

What a day in history and what a way to celebrate!

Since most residents of Green Ridge House could not travel to D.C., we did have very good warm seats in front of our wonderful big screen TV. We watched the swearing in with tears of joy and hope in our hearts.

After the swearing in, we were treated to a wonderful lunch that was hosted by Lynnette McGrath and Kimberly Potts. Social Director Dorothy Wright and the Social Committee helped serve the food, which included pizza, meatballs, small wieners, chips, ice cream, Theresa Slone's homemade fudge and Lynnette McGrath's homemade haystacks dessert that melted in your mouth. What a great time we had!

The Green Ridge residents who attended thank Lynnette McGrath, Kim Potts, Dorothy Wright and the Social Committee.

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